AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining "_"

denotes additions and strikethrough "-" denotes deletions).

Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for automatically managing an electronic

mail server application on a host computer, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

checking an electronic mail message against a predetermined criteria;

determining whether the message has been previously compressed;

compacting a non-attachment portion of the electronic mail message if the

predetermined criteria is satisfied and if the message has not been

previously compressed; and

storing the compacted electronic mail message.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of~~ checking

is performed when the electronic mail message is received by the electronic mail

server application.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of~~ checking

is performed ~~when the electronic mail message is performed~~ periodically on the

host computer.

Claims 4-5 (Canceled).

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises a total message size.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment size.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment type.

Claims 9-14 (Canceled).

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ compressing the attachment.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled).

21.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing a user's electronic mailbox on a computer, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

performing an off-peak hours routine for checking an electronic mail

message against a predetermined criteria;

determining if the electronic mail message has been previously

compressed;

compressing a non-attachment portion of the electronic mail message if

the predetermined criteria is satisfied, wherein ~~the step of~~

compressing the electronic mail message is performed by

searching for repeated patterns in the electronic mail message and

encoding those patterns; and

storing the compressed electronic mail message.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the ~~step of~~ checking is performed when the electronic mail message is received by the electronic mailbox.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the ~~step of~~ checking is performed upon request by the user.

Claims 24-25 (Canceled).

26.   (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises a total message size.

27.   (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment size.

28.   (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment type.

29.   (Canceled).

30.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the location of the ~~screening~~ <u>searching</u> of the message is on a server.

31.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the location of the ~~screening~~ <u>searching</u> of the message is on a client.

32.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the location of the ~~screening~~ <u>searching</u> of the message is configured by a user.

33.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the ~~screening~~ <u>searching</u> is performed periodically on the computer.

34.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the electronic mail message is compressed into a zipped file.

35.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium with logic embedded therein for executing on a computer for managing a electronic mailbox on a computer comprising:

      logic configured to perform an off-peak hours routine to screen an

            electronic mail message against a predetermined criteria;

      <u>logic configured to determine if the message has been previously</u>

            <u>compressed;</u>

      logic configured to, if the predetermined criteria is satisfied, compress the

            electronic mail message by finding repeated patterns in the

            message and encoding those patterns; and

      logic for storing the compressed electronic mail message.

36.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35, further comprising logic configured to screen when the electronic mail message is received by the electronic mailbox.

37.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35, further comprising logic configured to screen upon request by the user.

38.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35, further comprising logic configured to screen periodically.

39.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises a total message size.

40.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment size.

41.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment type.

42.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the electronic mail message is compressed into a zipped file.

43.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising decompacting the compacted electronic mail message for retrieval.

44.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 21, further comprising decompressing the compressed electronic mail message for retrieval.

45.   (Previously Presented)   The computer readable medium of claim 35, further comprising logic for decompressing the compressed electronic mail message for retrieval.